

Council's motion on BSAI Am. 77 - Pacific cod fixed gear allocations
June 17, 2003

Overall fixed gear allocations (status quo):

The Council approved continuing the current (under BSAI Amendment 64) BSAI Pacific cod allocations among the fixed gear sectors as follows:

80% hook-and-line catcher processors
0.3% hook-and-line catcher vessels
18.3% pot vessels
1.4% to <60' pot/hook-and-line catcher vessels

Pot split:

The Council also apportioned the pot share (18.3%) of the BSAI Pacific cod fixed gear TAC between pot catcher processors and pot catcher vessels according to catch histories from 1998 - 2001:

3.3% pot catcher processors
15.0% pot catcher vessels

Rollover provisions:

Any unharvested portion of the hook-and-line catcher vessel and the <60' pot and hook-and-line vessel quota that is projected to remain unused by a specified date shall be reallocated to the hook-and-line catcher processor fleet.

Any quota reallocated from the trawl sector shall be apportioned 95% to the hook-and-line catcher processor sector and 5% to the pot sectors.

Apportion the 2% BSAI Pacific cod jig allocation on a trimester basis as follows:

40% (Jan. - April)
20% (May - August)
40% (Sept. - Dec.)

Any jig gear quota that is projected to remain unused will be reallocated to the catcher vessels <60' using hook-and-line or pot gear at the end of each jig season.

Any portion of the Pacific cod pot catcher processor or pot catcher vessel quota that is projected to remain unused shall be reallocated to the other pot sector before it is reallocated to the other fixed gear sectors.

Sunset provision:

No sunset provision.

(Status quo includes the following methods for allocating BSAI Pacific cod: Bycatch of Pacific cod in other fixed gear fisheries will continue to be subtracted from the overall fixed gear allocation before allocations for the directed fisheries are set. Harvests by pot and/or hook-and-line catcher vessels <60' LOA only accrue against the 1.4% allocation after all hook-and-line catcher vessels or pot catcher vessels harvest their 0.3% and 15.0% set-asides, respectively.)

The intent is for this action to be implemented beginning January 1, 2004.